

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 547  
By Crider

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Billy Jones upon his receiving the Milan Chamber of Commerce "Inspiration Award" and for his meritorious service to the citizens of Tennessee.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those citizens who, through their extraordinary efforts, have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy person is Billy Jones, who was awarded the "Inspiration Award" by the Milan Chamber of Commerce; Chamber President Craig Taylor presented the award as a friend of Billy's; and

WHEREAS, President Taylor described Billy Jones as a special individual who has overcome major adversities and challenges to achieve goals that others did not believe were attainable, making Mr. Jones an inspiration to many people in the community; and

WHEREAS, born in Munford, Tennessee, and graduating from Milan High School in 1975, Billy Jones was a football team manager and has been a fixture at most Milan sporting events; and

WHEREAS, this loyal sports fan was named "Milan's Number One Fan" in 1995, and because of his dedication and diligence, he was honored with "Billy Jones Day"; and

WHEREAS, in addition to supporting his favorite local "Purple Pride" sports team, Billy Jones is currently a sales clerk and deliverer for Flippin's drugstore; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Jones is involved in many community endeavors, serving with various clubs and organizations, including the Rebounders Club, Quarterback Club, and Gibson County Sports Hall of Fame organizational committee; and

WHEREAS, a member of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Mr. Jones serves faithfully as a Deacon; he directs acolytes and conducts a tape ministry delivering audiotapes of services to people unable to attend; and

WHEREAS, Billy Jones epitomizes the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, Billy is most grateful for the love and companionship he shares with his parents, Bill and Nell Jones, and his sisters, Dianne Smith and Jenny Beeman; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge and applaud Mr. Jones for his dedication to the state of Tennessee and its citizens; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend Billy Jones for his meritorious service to the state of Tennessee, congratulate him on receiving the Milan Chamber of Commerce "Inspiration Award," and extend to him our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.